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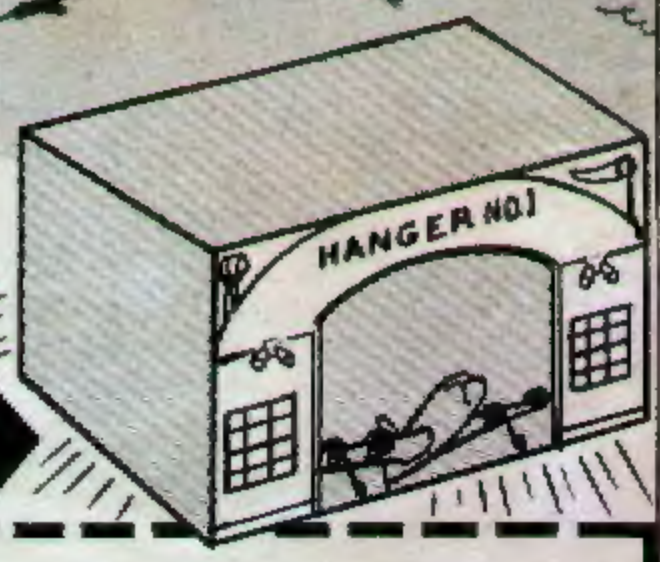

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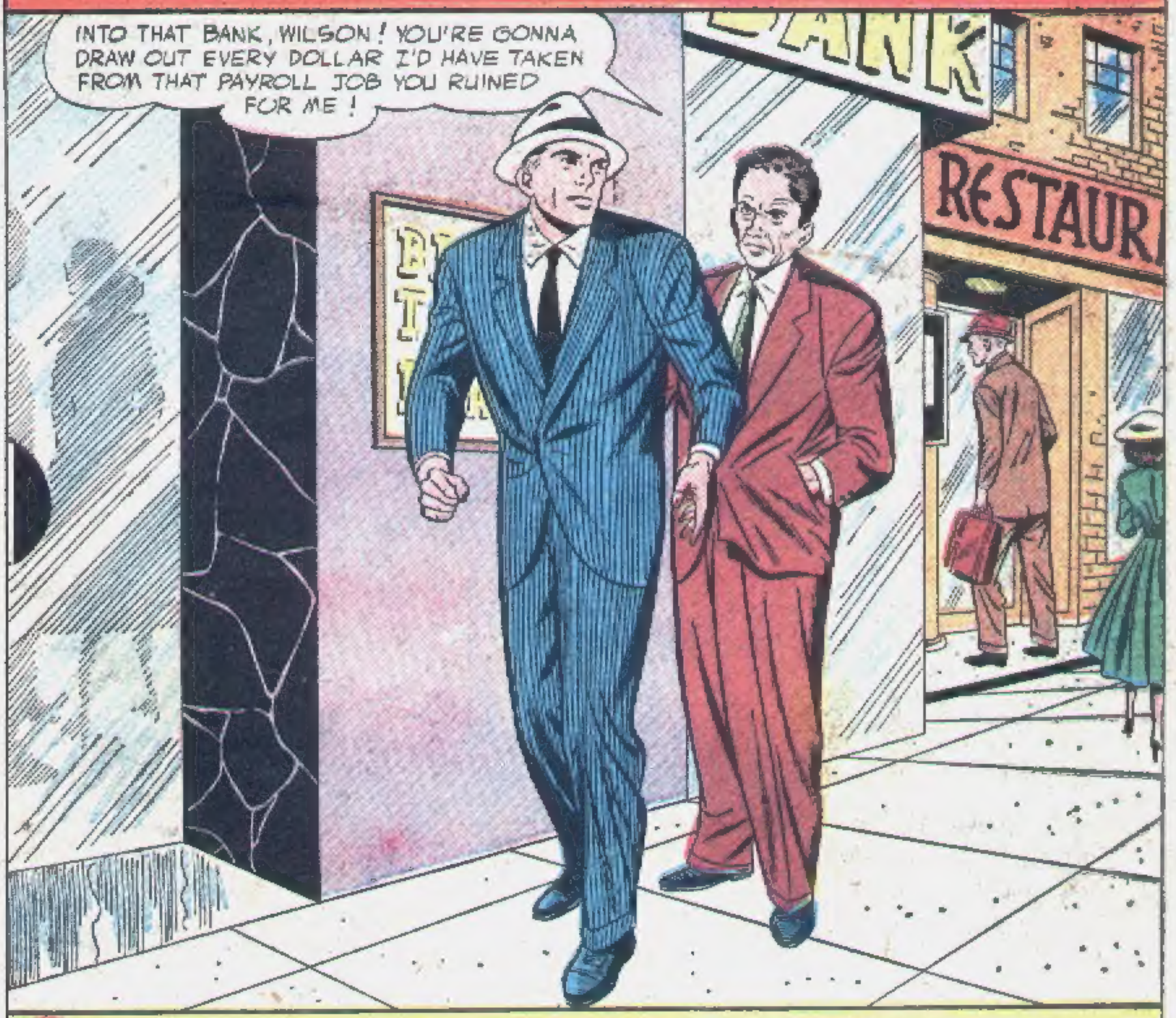
INTO THAT BANK, WILSON! YOU'RE GONNA DRAW OUT EVERY DOLLAR I'D HAVE TAKEN FROM THAT PAYROLL JOB YOU RUINED FOR ME!
BANK
RESTAUR

A NEWSPAPER IS AS GOOD AS ITS STAFF OF REPORTERS! IT TAKES YEARS OF TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE BEFORE A REPORTER CAN REALIZE HIS AMBITION OF GETTING HIS BY-LINE ON A BIG FRONT-PAGE STORY! AND SOMETIMES THE ***STORY BEHIND THE HEADLINES*** IS EVEN MORE INTERESTING THAN THE ONE THE PAPER PRINTS--AS DRAMATICALLY ILLUSTRATED IN...

STEVE WILSON'S DANGEROUS DAY!

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AT A WEEKLY STAFF MEETING OF THE *ILLUSTRATED PRESS*, EDITOR STEVE WILSON ADDRESSES HIS ASSEMBLED REPORTERS...

I'VE BEEN ASKED WHAT MAKES A GOOD REPORTER! THE ANSWER IS--A NUMBER OF THINGS! BUT I CAN GIVE YOU A FEW TIPS! FIRST OF ALL, A GOOD REPORTER DEVELOPS SHARP SENSES! TAKE CHARLIE ANDERSON HERE--OUR CITY EDITOR...

WHEN CHARLIE WAS A REPORTER, HE TRAINED HIS SENSES--PARTICULARLY HIS *SENSE OF HEARING*--TO BE VERY ACUTE! HE KNEW THAT A GOOD REPORTER HAS TO *HEAR PERFECTLY!* AND ONE DAY...

"...CHARLIE WAS IN A RESTAURANT WHICH HE SUSPECTED WAS RUN BY SHADY CHARACTERS..."

IF ONLY I COULD GET SOME CLUE TO THE IDENTITY OF THE MYSTERY MAN WHO IS THE CRIME SYNDICATE BOSS OF *BIG TOWN!* BUT ALL LEADS SEEM TO END UP NOWHERE...

CLICK... CLICK...

"THEN, AS HE SAT THERE, AN INTERESTING IDEA OCCURRED TO CHARLEY..."

CLICK--CLICK--CLICK--CLICK CLICK--CLICK!

THOSE SOUNDS MADE BY THE DIAL PHONE...! IF I COULD ONLY FIND OUT WHO IS BEING CALLED FROM HERE!

"CHARLEY HAD TRAINED HIS EARS TO HEAR THINGS QUICKLY AND EXACTLY! NOW HE PUT THAT ABILITY TO USE..."

THERE'S ANOTHER GUY USING THE PHONE! NOW LET'S SEE IF I CAN GET THOSE DIAL CLICKS EXACTLY...

CLICK--CLICK--CLICK--CLICK--CLICK--CLICK CLICK--CLICK--CLICK--CLICK--CLICK--CLICK CLICK--

"IF YOU'VE EVER TRIED TO COUNT OFF THE CLICKS OF A DIAL PHONE, YOU KNOW IT'S NO SIMPLE MATTER--BUT CHARLIE'S TRAINING PAID OFF..."

2--4--2
5--1--3
8

"LATER, WHEN ANOTHER SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CHARACTER USED THE PHONE..."

2--4--2--5--1--3--8! THE SAME NUMBER! THIS COULD BE *IMPORTANT!*

_CLICK--CLICK

"AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, SHORTLY AFTERWARD..."

USING THOSE DIAL CLICKS OF YOURS, CHARLIE, WE GOT THIS NUMBER--*BIG TOWN 2-5138!* ACCORDING TO THE PHONE COMPANY, THAT NUMBER BELONGS TO HARLOW WALLACE, A BUSINESS MANUFACTURER ON CHESTNUT PLACE!

INSPECTOR PHILLIPS HAS A SEARCH WARRANT TO LOOK INTO THAT WALLACE ADDRESS! I GUESS YOU'LL WANT TO GO ALONG, EH, CHARLIE?

I SURE DO, MR. COMMISSIONER!

"THAT NIGHT--AT THE CHESTNUT PLACE ADDRESS..."

REMEMBER, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON WALLACE YET! BUT BE PREPARED FOR *ANYTHING!*

"MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE..."

JUST STAY WHERE YOU ARE, WALLACE! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND--

TH-THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! I'M A RESPECTABLE BUSINESSMAN--!

RESPECTABLE? YOUR BUSINESS IS *CRIME*, WALLACE! THESE LEDGERS OF YOURS *PROVE* THAT *YOU* ARE THE CRIME CZAR WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! LET'S GO DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS AND TALK IT OVER!

WHAT A FRONT-PAGE STORY THIS'LL MAKE!

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"FOR THE STORY HE WROTE ON THE UNCOVERING OF THE SYNDICATE CHIEF, CHARLIE WON ACCLAIM..."

BUT HE WOULDN'T HAVE CRACKED THAT CASE IF HE HADN'T TRAINED HIS SENSE OF HEARING! NOW LET'S CONSIDER THE CASE OF BILL TYLER, ONE OF OUR VETERAN CRIME REPORTERS...

"WHEN BILL STARTED AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, A HELPFUL SERGEANT AIDED HIM..."

THESE ARE PICTURES OF THE TEN MOST-WANTED CRIMINALS IN THE COUNTRY! IF YOU COME ACROSS ANY OF THEM, YOU'LL HAVE YOURSELF A REAL STORY, BILL!

THANKS A LOT, SERGEANT!

"LATER, IN HIS ROOM, TYLER PORED OVER THE MAN-WANTED POSTERS..."

TEN MEN... DESPERATE...IN HIDING...DISGUISED! WHO KNOWS? ONE OF THESE THUGS COULD BE LIVING IN MY BUILDING...OR HE COULD BE WALKING BELOW ON THE STREET...EVEN NOW!

"SOME DAYS LATER, BILL WAS IN A CAB HEADING TOWARD OUR ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE BUILDING..."

I'VE GOT TO MAKE MY DAILY CHECK-IN AT THE OFFICE...NOT THAT I'VE GOT A GOOD STORY OR ANYTHING...

..WALKER LANSON... HACK LICENSE NO. 28455...

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"SHORTLY AFTER, AT HIS DESTINATION..."

$1.45? HERE YOU--SAY...YOU'RE NOT THE MAN WHOSE PICTURE IS ON THAT LICENSE IN THE CAB!

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?

NOW THAT I'VE TAKEN A BETTER LOOK AT YOU, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE --

TAKE A FLYER, WISE GUY!

"AS BILL SCRAMBLED TO HIS FEET..."

DRIVING OFF! I'VE GOT TO GO AFTER HIM -- CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

"THINKING QUICKLY, THE **ILLUSTRATED PRESS-MAN** FLAGGED DOWN A PASSING CAR..."

THE CABBY IN THAT CAR? HOP IN, MISTER! I'LL HELP YOU CATCH HIM!

THANKS!

"AT AN INTERSECTION, THE DUO PICKED UP A POLICEMAN..."

HE'S NOT PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO THE SHOTS I'M FIRING OVER THE CAB! I'LL GO FOR HIS TIRES NOW...

BAM! BAM!

"AS THE POLICEMAN'S SHOTS CONNECTED WITH THEIR TARGET..."

"WHEN THE DRIVER WAS PULLED UNHURT, OUT OF THE WRECKAGE..."

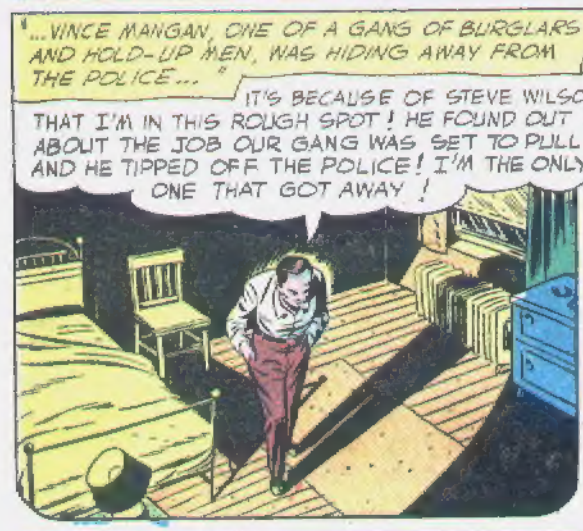
CURLY DABNEY! NUMBER SEVEN ON THE LIST OF THE MOST-WANTED CROOKS IN THE COUNTRY! I'VE GOT TO GET TO A TELEPHONE!

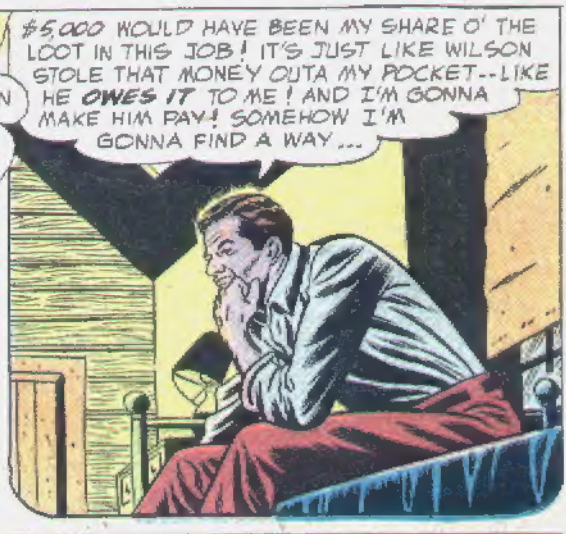
"SOON AFTER..."

...AND DABNEY KNOCKED OUT THE REAL CAB DRIVER. HE INTENDED TO USE THE CAB TO GET OUT OF TOWN, BUT HE PICKED UP A FEW FARES--LIKE **ME**--BE-CAUSE HE WAS SHORT OF CASH!

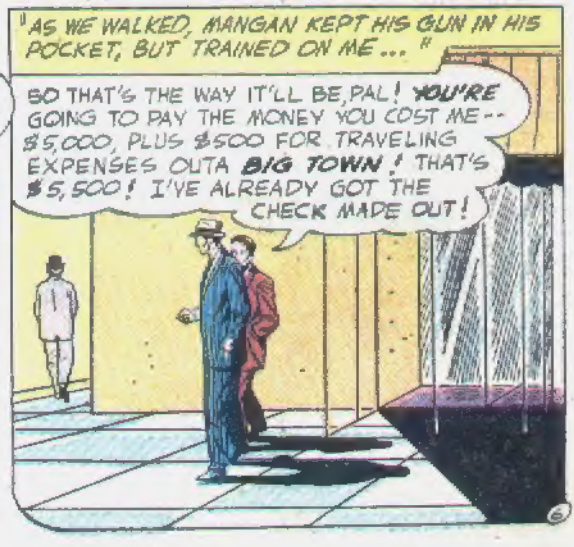
"BILL'S STORY, BASED ON HIS ACUTE SENSE OF OBSERVATION, GAVE HIM HIS FIRST FRONT-PAGE BY-LINE ..."
ANOTHER KNACK THAT A GOOD REPORTER SHOULD HAVE IS THE ABILITY TO TAKE NOTES WHILE WATCHING A NEWS EVENT OR ACCIDENT--IN OTHER WORDS, THE ABILITY TO WRITE WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE PAPER...

WHEN I WAS A REPORTER, I CULTIVATED THAT ABILITY TO WRITE WITHOUT LOOKING AT WHAT I WAS WRITING... AND IT STOOD ME IN GREAT STEAD IN AN EMERGENCY! ONE DAY, IN A THIRD-RATE HOTEL IN BIG TOWN!


"...VINCE MANGAN, ONE OF A GANG OF BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP MEN, WAS HIDING AWAY FROM THE POLICE..."
IT'S BECAUSE OF STEVE WILSON THAT I'M IN THIS ROUGH SPOT! HE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE JOB OUR GANG WAS SET TO PULL AND HE TIPPED OFF THE POLICE! I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT GOT AWAY!


$5,000 WOULD HAVE BEEN MY SHARE O' THE LOOT IN THIS JOB! IT'S JUST LIKE WILSON STOLE THAT MONEY OUTA MY POCKET--LIKE HE OWES IT TO ME! AND I'M GONNA MAKE HIM PAY! SOMEHOW I'M GONNA FIND A WAY...

"ONE MORNING, A FEW DAYS LATER, IN THE LOBBY OF MY APARTMENT-HOTEL..."
VINCE MANGAN!
DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, WILSON! YOU AND I ARE GONNA TAKE A LITTLE WALK DOWN THE STREET! COME ON...


"AS WE WALKED, MANGAN KEPT HIS GUN IN HIS POCKET, BUT TRAINED ON ME..."
SO THAT'S THE WAY IT'LL BE, PAL! YOU'RE GOING TO PAY THE MONEY YOU COST ME--$5,000, PLUS $500 FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES OUTA BIG TOWN! THAT'S $5,500! I'VE ALREADY GOT THE CHECK MADE OUT!

"SOON AFTER, IN MY BANK..."

HERE'S THE CHECK... MADE OUT TO **JOHN BROWN**! AFTER YOU ENDORSE IT, WILSON, WE'LL BOTH GO OVER TO THE TELLER'S WINDOW, WHERE YOU'LL CASH IT AND TURN THE MONEY OVER TO ME!

"IT SEEMED LIKE A FOOLPROOF SCHEME! WAS THERE ANY WAY I COULD DEFEAT IT? THAT GUN UNDER HIS COAT FELT AS BIG AS A CANNON!

DON'T TRY A TRICK--OR IT'LL BE YOUR LAST ONE!

I'VE GOT TO TRY A TRICK THAT HE WON'T KNOW IS A TRICK!

MANGAN! THAT GUARD!

"THERE WAS AN ARMED GUARD WALKING TOWARD US! MANGAN AND I BOTH TURNED TO LOOK AT HIM..."

NOW'S MY CHANCE! MY RUSE HAS DISTRACTED HIM FOR THE MOMENT I NEED...

STOP GABBING! LET'S GO!

I THOUGHT THE GUARD WAS COMING TOWARD US--BUT HE'S NOT...

"IN THE TIME THAT MANGAN'S EYES **AND MINE** HAD BEEN AVERTED, I HAD CONTINUED TO WRITE ON THE BACK OF THE CHECK..."

John Brown
Steve Wilson
He has a gun on me! Sound the bank alarm!

"MOMENTS LATER, WE WERE AT THE TELLER'S WINDOW..."

I'VE ENDORSED MR. BROWN'S CHECK! PLEASE--ER--CASH IT!

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Steve Wilson
He has a gun on me! Sound the bank alarm!

WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG, TELLER?

SORRY, MR. BROWN, BUT WE'VE GOT TO COUNT THE MONEY **TWICE**--BANK RULES...

"AS THE UNSEEN SIGNAL ALERTED THE GUARDS TO TROUBLE AT OUR WINDOW..."

SAY! IS THIS A STALL?

HERE COME THE GUARDS NOW!

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE HERE?

THEY'RE WISE TO ME! MY GUN--!

"AS MANGAN DREW HIS CONCEALED GUN, I REACHED OUT AND..."

GRAB HIM, GUARDS!

"IN A MOMENT, MY ASSAILANT WAS DISARMED AND HELPLESS..."

YOU ALL RIGHT, MR. WILSON?

SURE--THANKS TO YOU FELLOWS!

FOR WHAT HE DID, VINCE MANGAN IS STILL IN JAIL! BUT HE'D NEVER HAVE BEEN CAUGHT THEN, IF I HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO WRITE LEGIBLY WITHOUT LOOKING AT WHAT I WAS WRITING!

YOU'LL FIND THAT SUCH A KNACK MAY COME IN HANDY ANYTIME! IT WILL HELP YOU DO A GOOD JOB AS REPORTERS...AND, AS YOU'VE SEEN, IT MAY ALSO SAVE YOU A LOT OF MONEY, PERSONALLY--AS IT DID ME!

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KIDS—WEAR THE SIGN OF SUPERMAN! GET THIS

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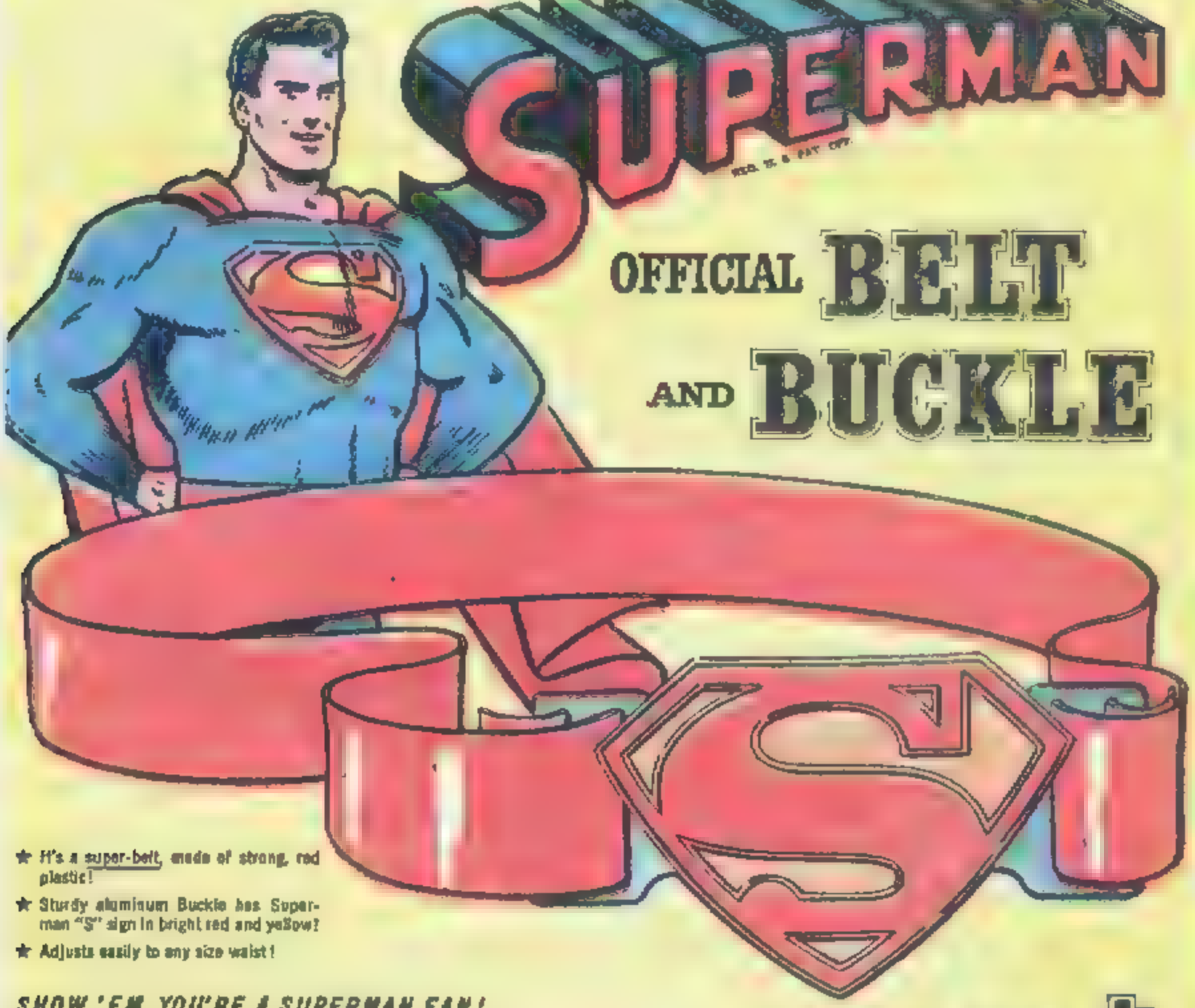

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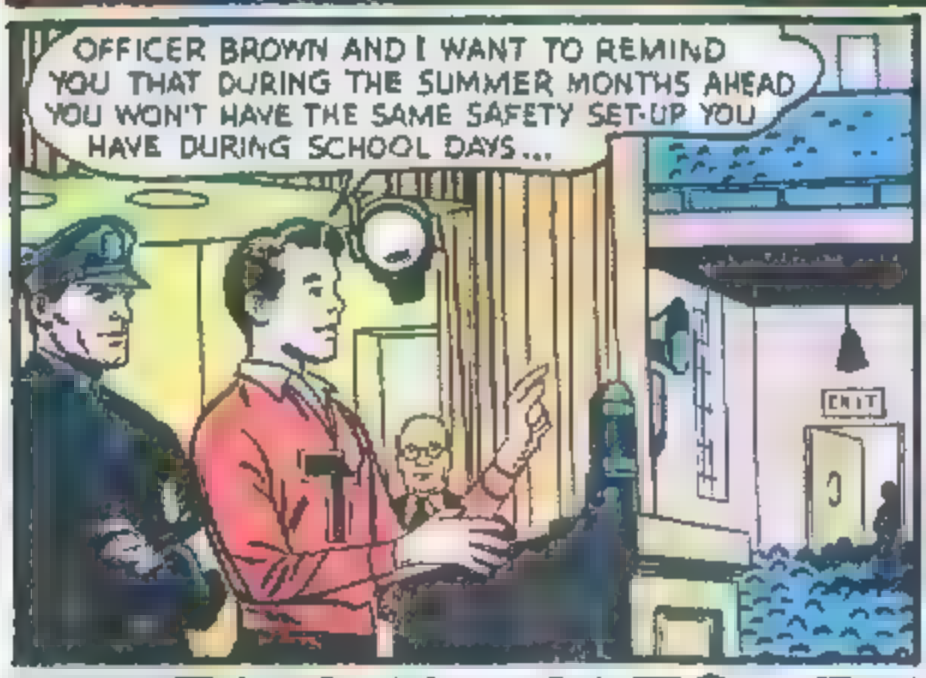
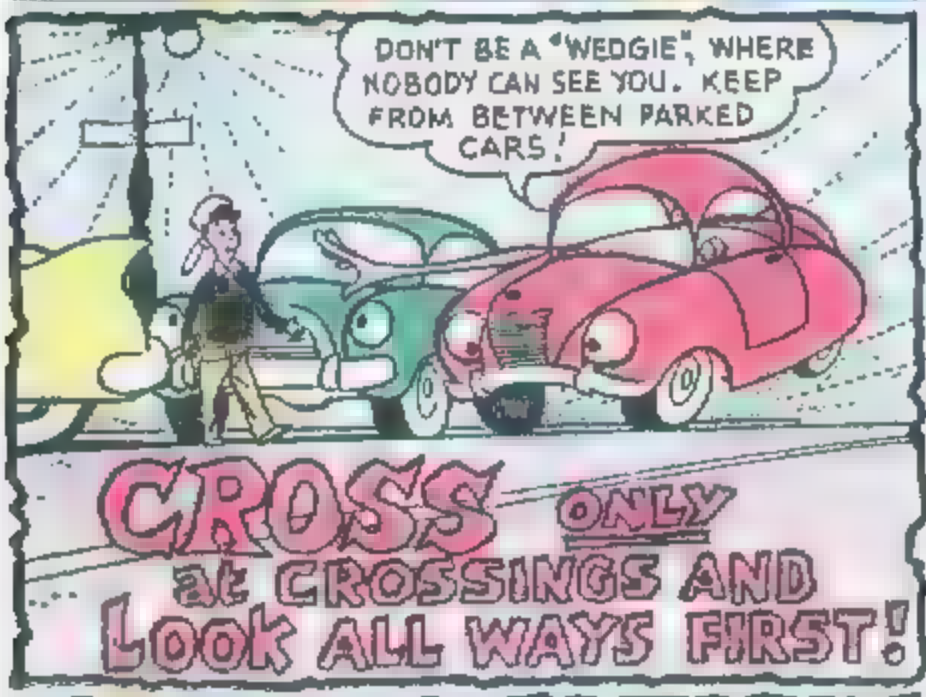
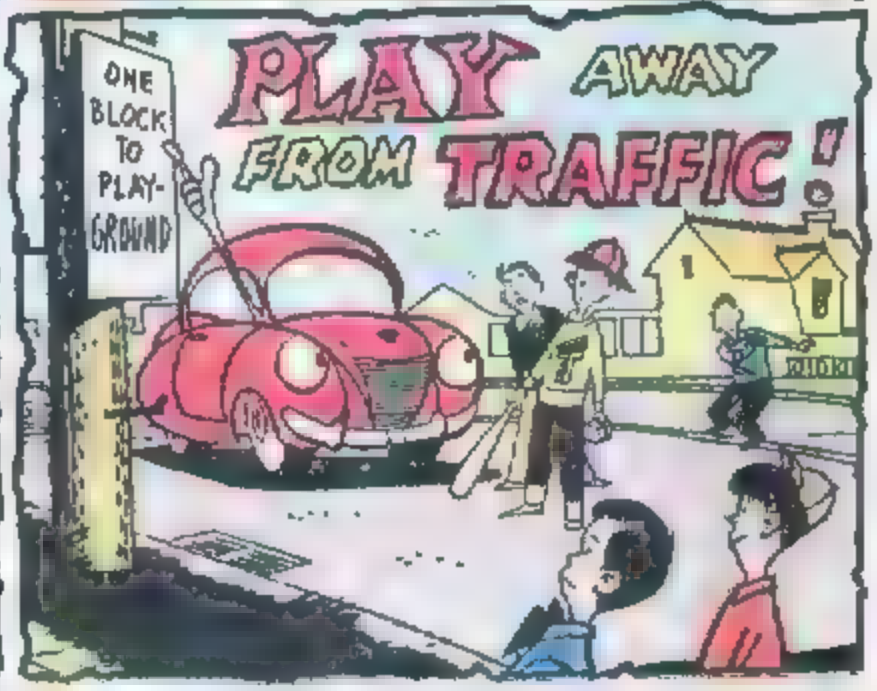
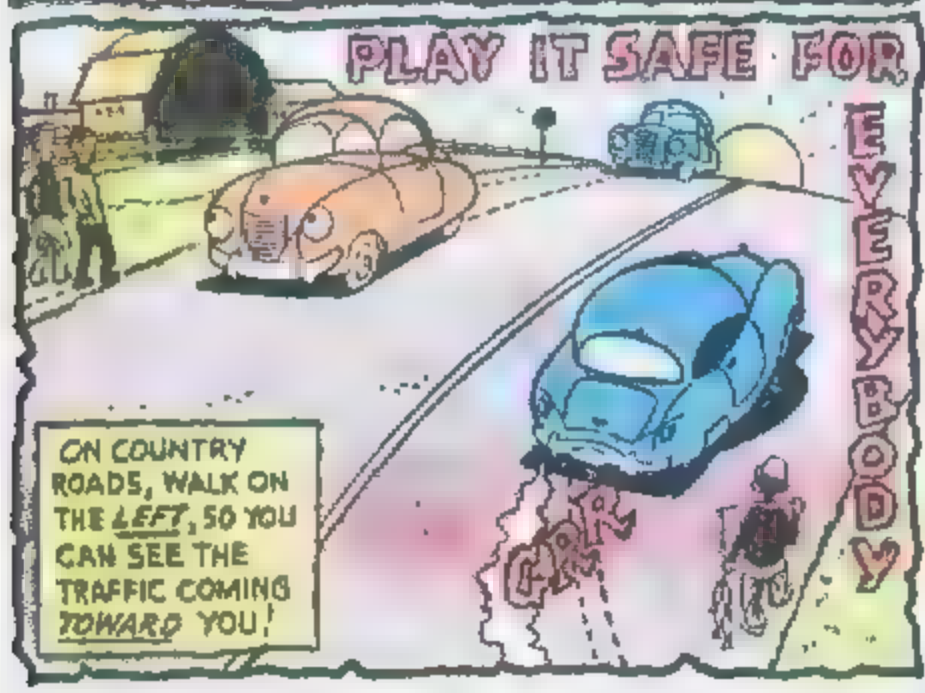
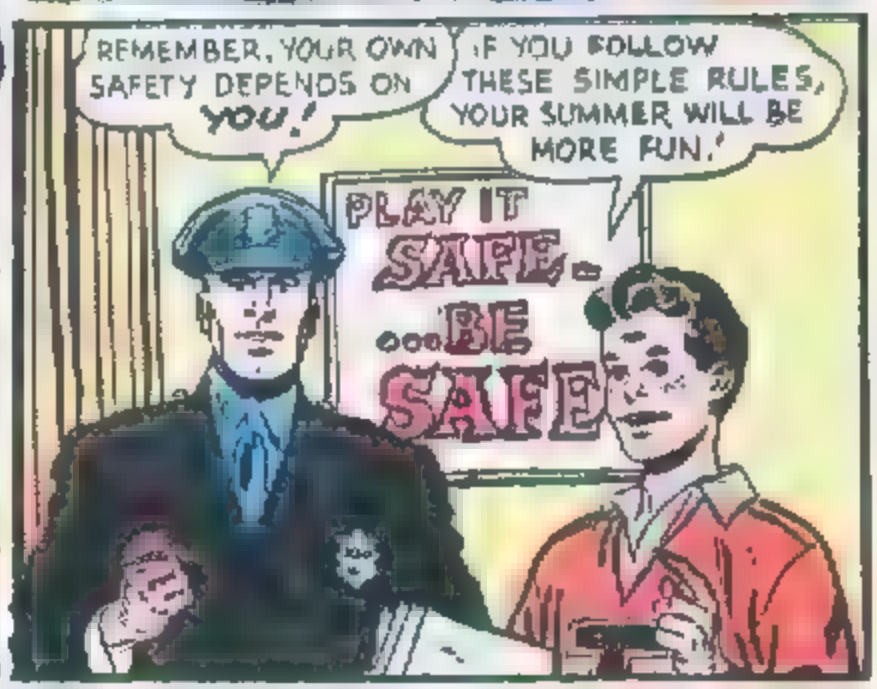

OFFICER BROWN AND I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AHEAD YOU WON'T HAVE THE SAME SAFETY SET-UP YOU HAVE DURING SCHOOL DAYS...
EXIT

THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO BE EVEN MORE CAREFUL THAN USUAL IN FOLLOWING STREET SAFETY RULES.
SO TO TIP YOU OFF TO THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES, WE'RE GOING TO SHOW YOU THE THREE WINNERS OF OUR SAFETY SLOGAN POSTER CONTEST.









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IF STEVE WILSON FINDS THAT DOCUMENT HE'S LOOKING FOR, IT'LL RUIN MY FORTUNE-MAKING SCHEME!

IT WAS A QUAINT, COLONIAL TYPE HOUSE--A THROWBACK TO A BYGONE ERA--SEEMINGLY LOST AMONG THE TOWERING EDIFICES OF A GREAT, MODERN METROPOLIS! BUT THE HOUSE WAS CONDEMNED--A VICTIM OF MUNICIPAL PROGRESS! AND THAT WAS WHEN STEVE WILSON OF THE ***ILLUSTRATED PRESS*** TACKLED THE TYPE OF STORY HE LIKES BEST--*THE HUMAN INTEREST STORY OF ...*

THE HOUSE OF STRANGE SECRETS

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BIG TOWN--WHERE STAND GREAT TOWERING EDIFICES THAT REACH SKYWARD...

AND IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THIS MODERN WORLD OF STREAMLINED ARCHITECTURE, STANDS A LOW, QUAINT COLONIAL HOME, BREATHING THE QUIETNESS OF A BYGONE ERA...

INSIDE THE COLONIAL DWELLING, OWNER CAP'N JEREMIAH ALSTON RAISES HIS 80-YEAR-OLD VOICE IN PROTEST...

NO! MY HOME DEFINITELY ISN'T FOR SALE! I'LL NEVER AGREE TO ANYONE TEARING DOWN THIS PLACE-- WHATEVER THE REASON!

YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, CAP'N ALSTON, THAT THE NEED FOR THE NEW THROUGHWAY IN THIS SITE COULD PROMPT THE CITY TO CONDEMN YOUR PROPERTY AND RAZE YOUR HOME! I'M OFFERING YOU MUCH MORE THAN THE CITY WILL GIVE YOU!

MONEY HAS NO APPEAL TO A MAN OF MY AGE, MR. BURKE! NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I BID YOU A GOOD DAY!

LATER, AT THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS, WHERE COUNTLESS ITEMS OF VARYING INTEREST MAKE THEIR WAY ACROSS THE DESK OF EDITOR STEVE WILSON...

HERE'S A NOTE FROM CITY HALL THAT THE OLD ALSTON PLACE IS GOING TO BE CONDEMNED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW THROUGHWAY...

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AND I SEE CAP'N ALSTON HAS LODGED A PROTEST! IF I KNOW THE CAPTAIN, **BIG TOWN'S** GOING TO HAVE A TOUGH FIGHT ON ITS HANDS! I THINK I'LL LOOK INTO THIS STORY MYSELF!

BEFORE STEVE LEAVES, HE STOPS AT THE DESK OF HIS CITY EDITOR, CHARLIE ANDERSON...

CHARLIE, I'M GOING OUT ON THAT CAP'N ALSTON STORY! WHERE'S RUSH MARTIN?

OVER AT THE POLICE ACADEMY, DOING A FEATURE ON THE ROOKIES!

ALL RIGHT--I'LL PHONE HIM LATER! I MIGHT WANT HIM ON THIS BEFORE I'M THROUGH!

I'LL TELL HIM WHEN HE COMES IN!

LATER, AT THE ALSTON PLACE...

HOWDY, STEVE! COME IN, LAD! FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT IT WAS THAT PESKY REAL ESTATE AGENT, BURKE!

I HEAR THAT CITY HALL IS PLANNING TO CONDEMN YOUR PLACE, GIVE YOU A FAIR PRICE, AND LEVEL IT TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEW THROUGHWAY!

I'LL FIGHT 'EM TOOTH AND NAIL--AND WIN!

YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THE ODDS ARE STACKED IN THE CITY'S FAVOR, CAP'N! BUT I'M HERE TO GET YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY--SOME BACKGROUND ON YOU, YOUR HOUSE...

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WELL, LAD--I WAS BORN HERE--LIVED HERE ALL M' LIFE! SO'D MY FATHER--THE BEST SAILOR WHO EVER STEPPED ABOARD A FOUR-MASTER! **WE** WATCHED **BIG TOWN GROW UP!**

"**BIG TOWN** WAS DIFFERENT IN THOSE DAYS, STEVE--AYE--REAL DIFFERENT!"

"AS A WEE LAD I SAW THE YEAR OF THE BIG BLIZZARD! ALL OF **BIG TOWN** WAS UNDER SNOW AND ICE ..."

CAP'N ALSTON! THE MAYOR WANTS TO SEE YOU! HURRY, PLEASE!

"AT THE MAYOR'S HOUSE, MY FATHER LEARNED THAT **BIG TOWN** WAS WITHOUT FOOD, AND ON THE VERGE OF STARVATION..."

WE MUST HAVE FOOD BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK! THE BLIZZARD HAS CUT OFF ALL SUPPLIES BY LAND--

--BUT YOU FIGURE I CAN BRING IN SUPPLIES BY SHIP!

I'LL HAVE MY SHIP READY TO SAIL BEFORE NIGHTFALL! THE HARBORS ARE ICE-BOUND, BUT I'VE CRACKED MANY AN ICE-BOUND HARBOR BEFORE!

"AN' TRUE TO HIS WORD, MY FATHER RAN HIS SCHOONER THROUGH THE ICE, TO THE OPEN SEA..."

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"BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK, HE WAS BACK, HIS SHIP LADEN DOWN WITH PROVISIONS FOR THE TOWN--WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED BY COACH AND SLEIGH ... "

"LATER, MY FATHER WAS HONORED BY THE CITY, AND WAS PRESENTED A CERTIFICATE BY THE MAYOR HIMSELF ... "

...AND **BIG TOWN** WILL ETERNALLY BE IN YOUR DEBT, CAPTAIN ALSTON!

CLAP! CLAP!

THAT CERTIFICATE! IT COULD BE IMPORTANT! WHAT EXACTLY DID IT SAY?

OH, A LOT OF POLITICAL WORDS THAT DIDN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE TO ME! I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU ...

...IT'S HERE, OVER THE FIREPLACE! HUH? STEVE--THE CERTIFICATE'S **GONE!**

IT HUNG THERE FOR YEARS--STEVE--WAS THERE JUST RECENTLY!

YES--I CAN SEE THE LIGHT AREA WHERE THE FRAMED CERTIFICATE PROTECTED THE AREA BEHIND FROM DUST! BUT WHO TOOK IT? AND WHY?

THAT CERTIFICATE MIGHT HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON WHETHER YOU'LL LOSE YOUR HOUSE OR KEEP IT! IF SO, WE'LL SOON KNOW--FOR A COPY OF THE EVENTS THAT DAY SHOULD BE IN THE TOWN RECORDS!

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SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, AT THE TOWN RECORDS BUILDING ...

IT'S SATURDAY, MR. WILSON-- AND WE CLOSE AT NOON! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LOCK UP! BUT I CAN WAIT WHILE YOU LOOK UP THOSE OLD RECORDS!

THANKS! IT WON'T TAKE LONG!

INSIDE, AS THE EDITOR AND THE CLERK SEARCH THROUGH OLD FILES...

THAT'S STEVE WILSON--AND HE'S AFTER THE SAME THING I AM!

I'VE GOT IT!

SUDDENLY, THE INTRUDER STRIKES...

YOU HAD IT, WILSON!

QUICKLY GRABBING THE FALLEN PAPERS, THE FIGURE DARTS FROM THE OFFICE...

HE'S GOT THE FILES! AFTER HIM!

BY THE TIME STEVE RACES TO THE SELF-SERVICE ELEVATOR...

TOO LATE! HE'LL BE LOST IN THE CROWD OUTSIDE BEFORE I CAN GO DOWN THE STAIRS!

THE SAME PARTY MUST HAVE STOLEN THE CERTIFICATE FROM CAP'N ALSTON'S HOUSE AND THE OLD TOWN RECORD OF EVENTS! NOW, I'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT THAT CERTIFICATE WAS ABOUT!

MR. WILSON, COME HERE!

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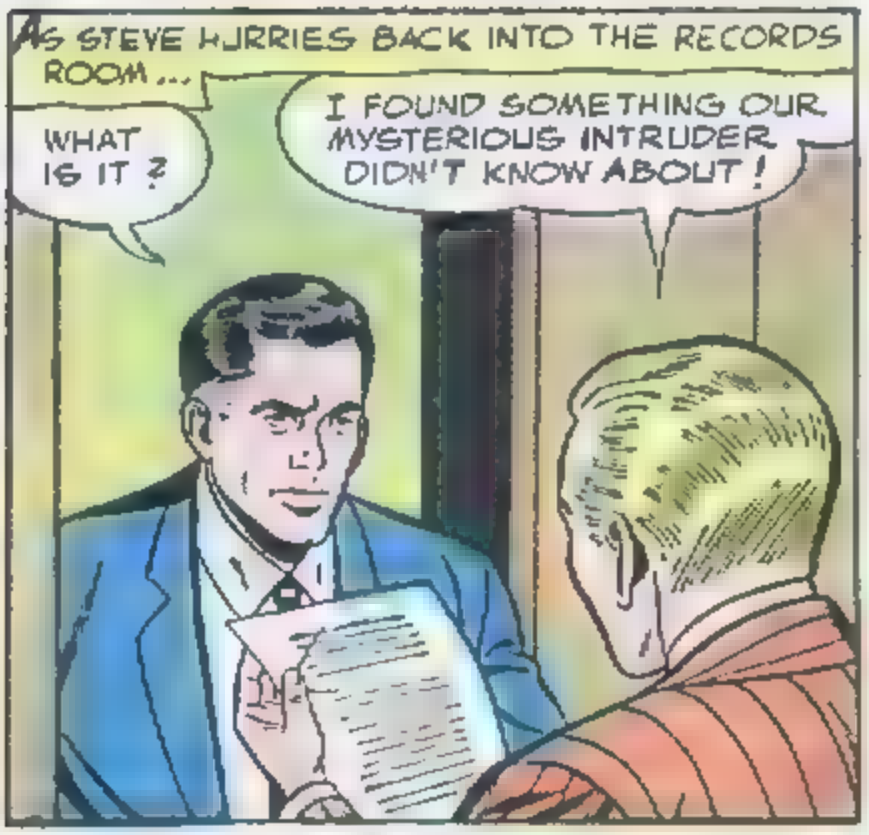
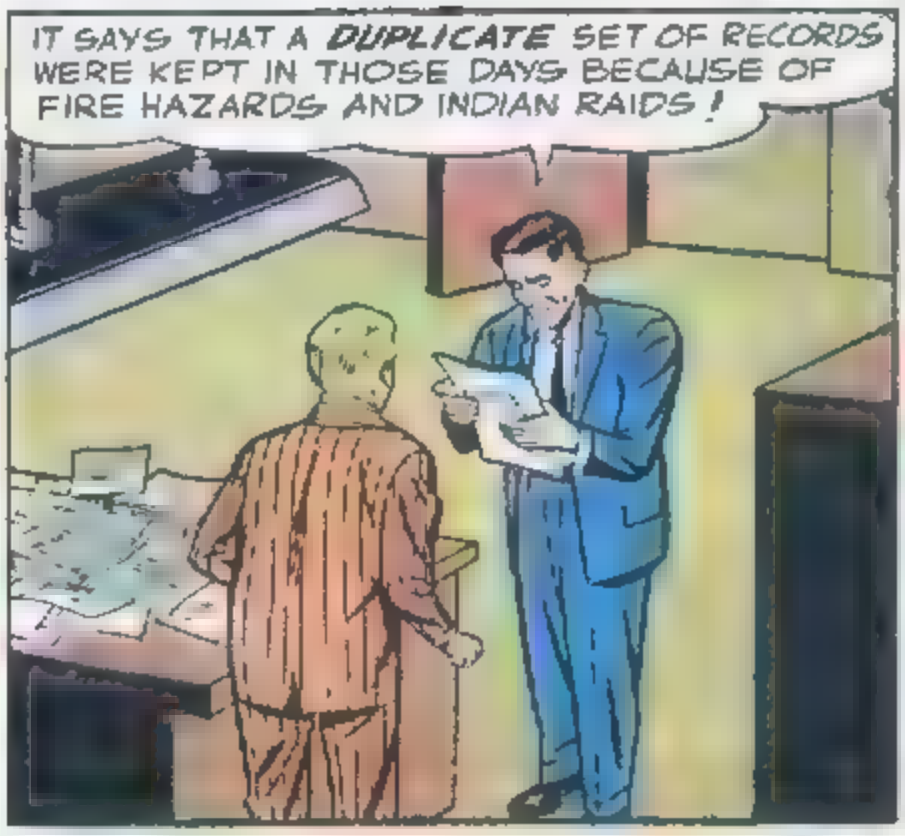

AS STEVE HURRIES BACK INTO THE RECORDS ROOM...
WHAT IS IT ?
I FOUND SOMETHING OUR MYSTERIOUS INTRUDER DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT !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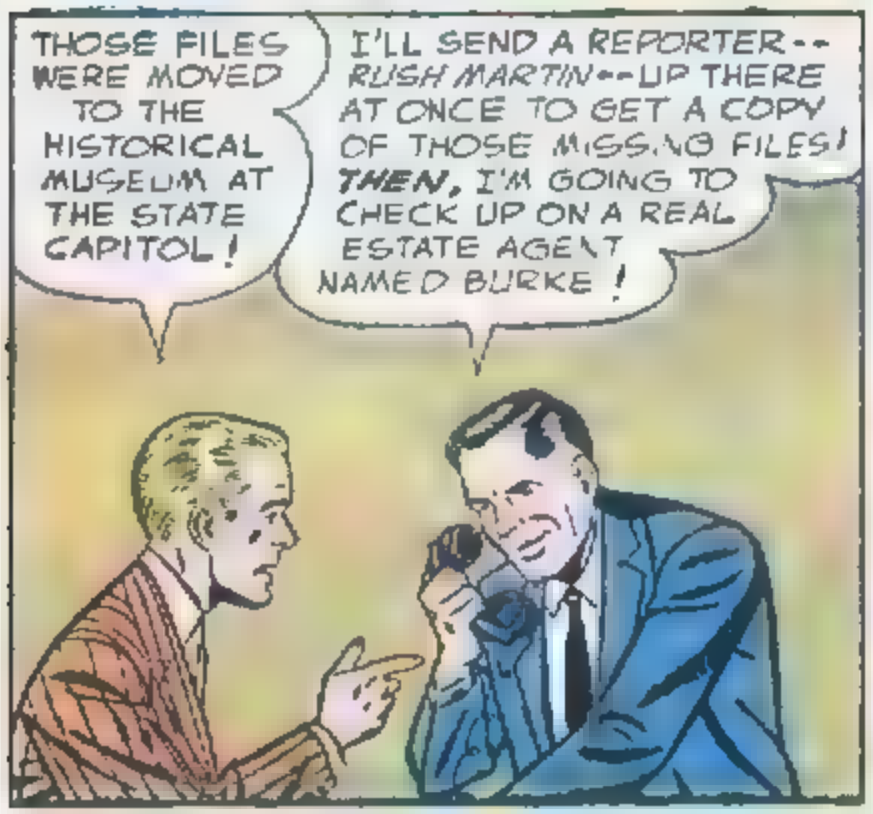
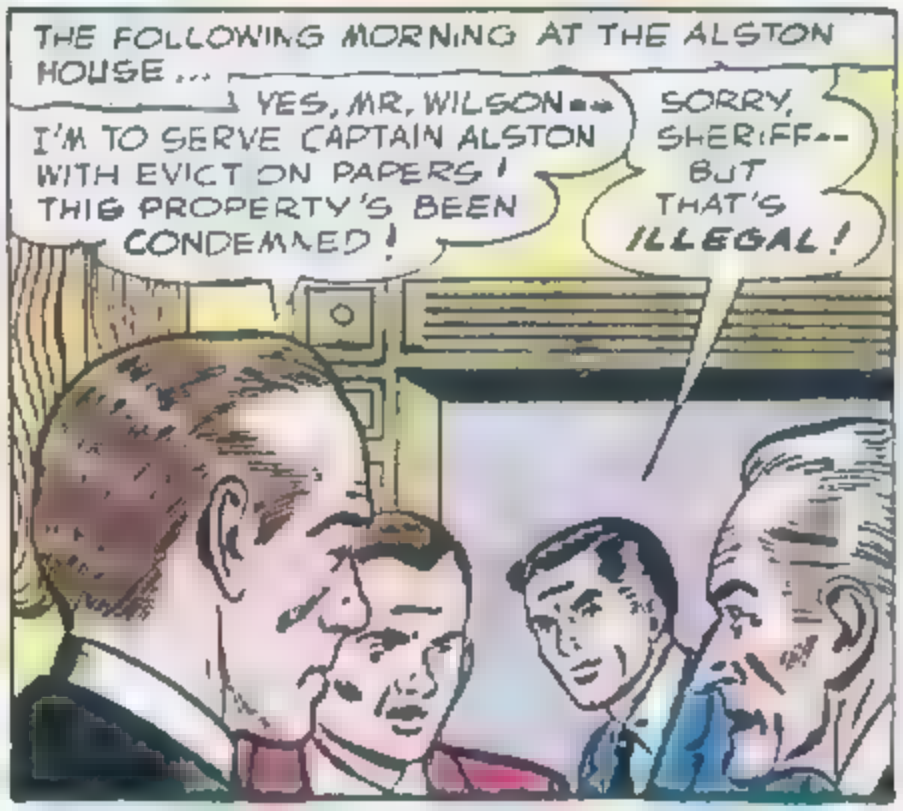
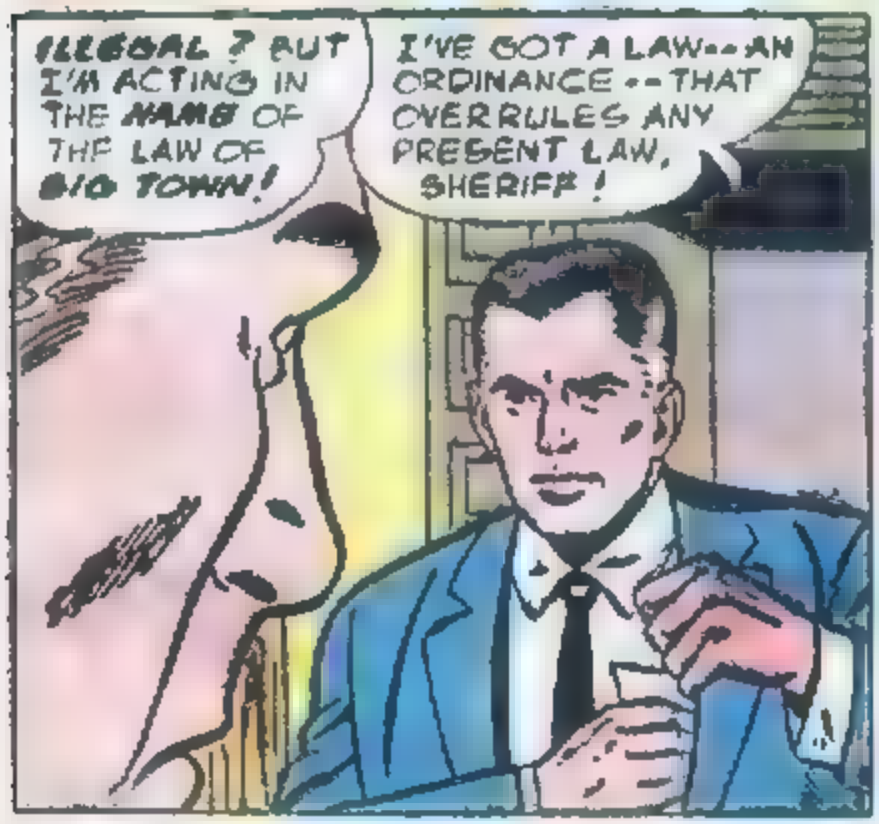
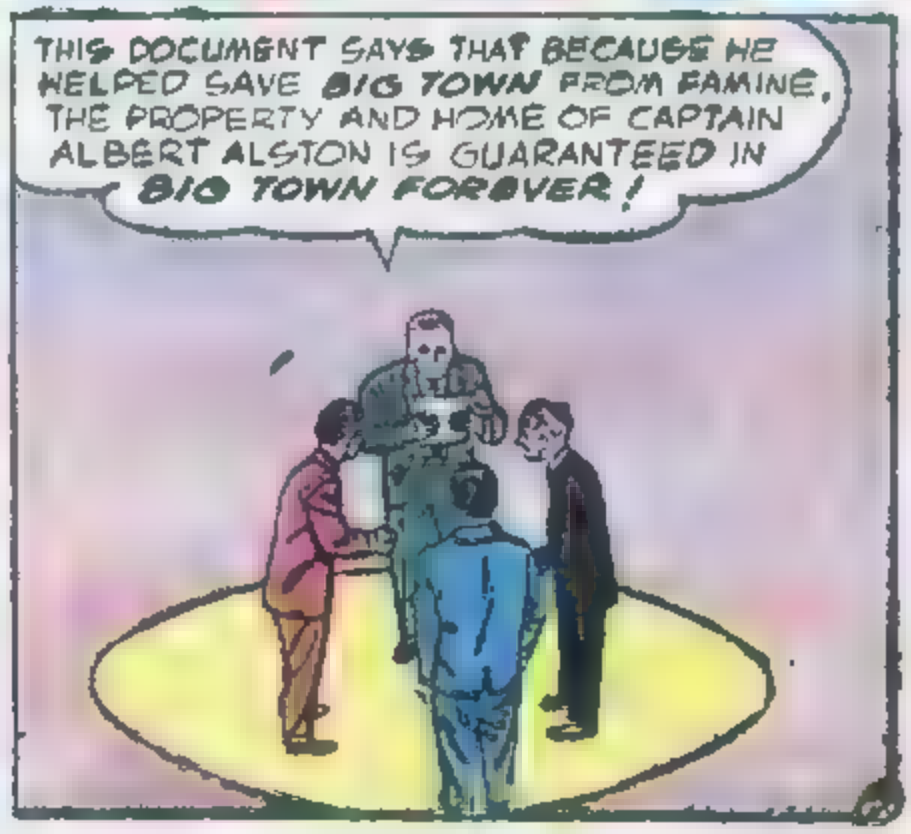

THOSE FILES WERE MOVED TO THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT THE STATE CAPITOL !
I'LL SEND A REPORTER -- RUSH MARTIN -- UP THERE AT ONCE TO GET A COPY OF THOSE MISSING FILES ! THEN, I'M GOING TO CHECK UP ON A REAL ESTATE AGENT NAMED BURKE !


THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT THE ALSTON HOUSE...
YES, MR. WILSON -- I'M TO SERVE CAPTAIN ALSTON WITH EVICTION PAPERS ! THIS PROPERTY'S BEEN CONDEMNED !
SORRY, SHERIFF -- BUT THAT'S ILLEGAL !


ILLEGAL ? BUT I'M ACTING IN THE NAME OF THE LAW OF BIG TOWN !
I'VE GOT A LAW -- AN ORDINANCE -- THAT OVERRULES ANY PRESENT LAW, SHERIFF !


THIS DOCUMENT SAYS THAT BECAUSE HE HELPED SAVE BIG TOWN FROM FAMINE, THE PROPERTY AND HOME OF CAPTAIN ALBERT ALSTON IS GUARANTEED IN BIG TOWN FOREVER !

BIG TOWN

SHERIFF, I DON'T BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF **BIG TOWN** W.LL WANT TO SEE THAT ORDINANCE VIOLATED--NOT WHEN THEY READ ALL THE FACTS IN THE **ILLUSTRATED PRESS!**

I--AHEM--HAD BETTER BE LEAVING NOW..

BUT AS BURKE TURNS HURRIEDLY TO LEAVE...

HOLD ON, BURKE! SURELY YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT! NOT WHEN YOU MIGHT BE CARRYING IMPORTANT EVIDENCE IN YOUR POCKET! SEARCH HIM, SHERIFF!

HE'S GOT THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE ON HIM!

AND THE STOLEN DUPLICATE! I CHECKED ON BURKE AND DISCOVERED HE'S A CROOKED ART DEALER, BANNED FROM PRACTICE! HE NEVER HAD A REAL ESTATE LICENSE!

BURKE WAS AWARE THAT THIS HOUSE IS FILLED WITH VALUABLE ART TREASURES, GATHERED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD BY THE FIRST CAPTAIN ALSTON!

WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT THE CITY WAS PLANNING TO BUY THIS SITE FOR THE NEW THROUGHWAY, HE POSED AS A REAL ESTATE AGENT TO BUY THE HOME **FIRST**.. FIGURING HE'D STRIP THE HOUSE OF THE ART TREASURES BEFORE THE CITY TOOK IT OVER!

I'M SURE THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MAKE OTHER PLANS FOR THE THROUGHWAY!

AND STEVE, I'M GOIN' TO MAKE OUT A WILL LEAVIN' MY HOME TO **BIG TOWN**! MAYBE THEY'LL TURN IT INTO A CITY MUSEUM!

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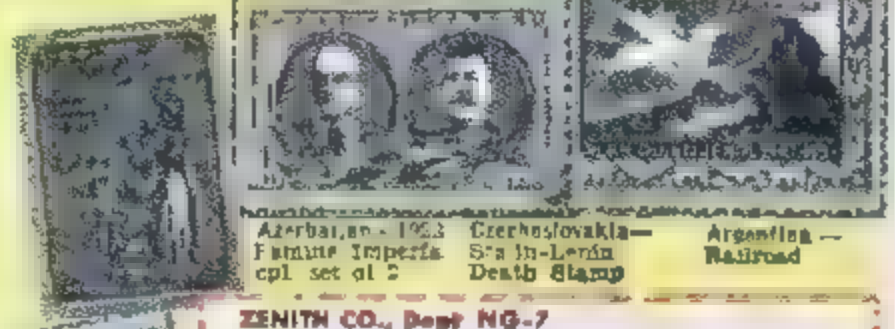

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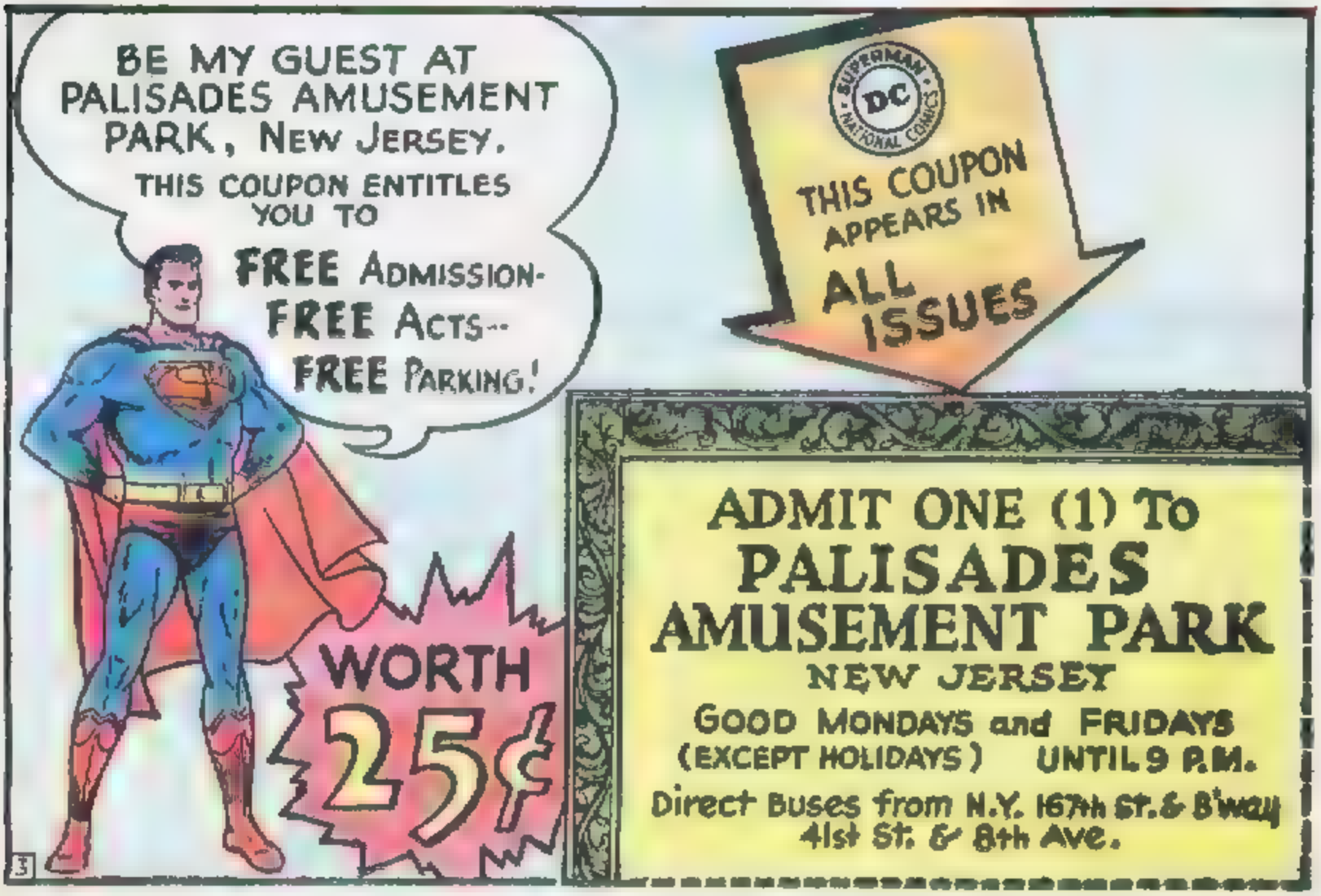
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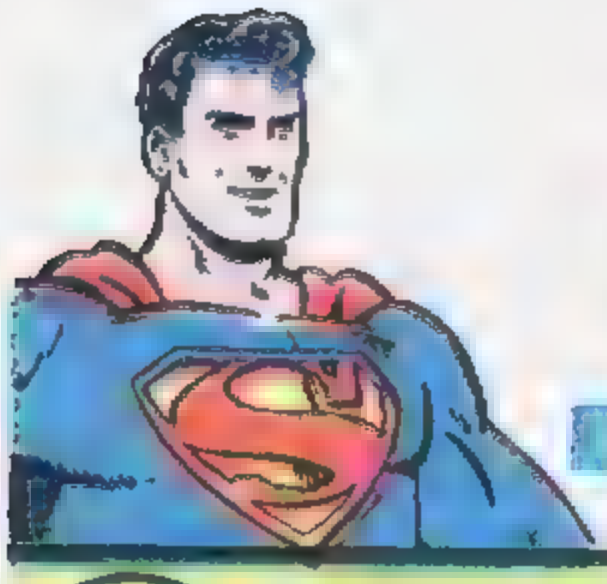

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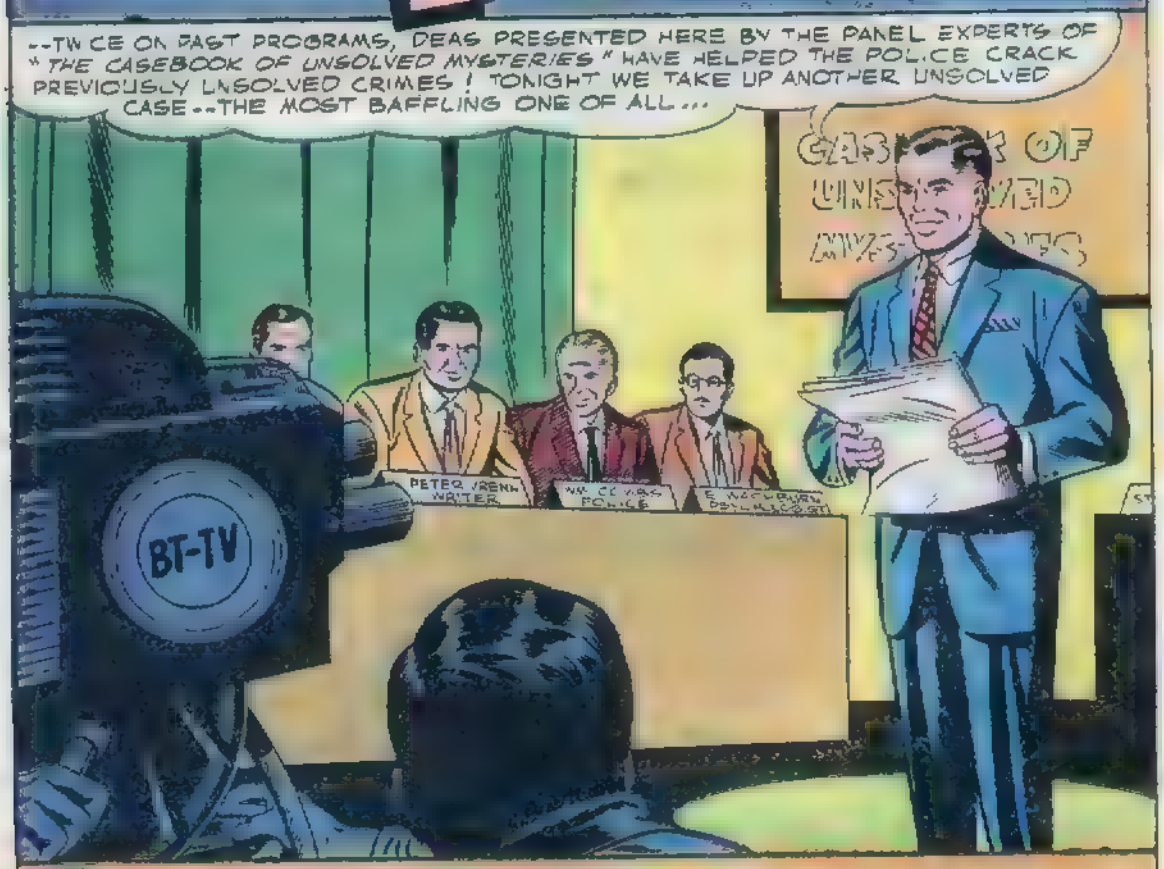
--TWICE ON PAST PROGRAMS, IDEAS PRESENTED HERE BY THE PANEL EXPERTS OF "THE CASEBOOK OF UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" HAVE HELPED THE POLICE CRACK PREVIOUSLY UNSOLVED CRIMES! TONIGHT WE TAKE UP ANOTHER UNSOLVED CASE--THE MOST BAFFLING ONE OF ALL...
BT-TV
PETER VRENN WRITER
POLICE

AS FULL-TIME EDITOR OF *BIG TOWN'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS*, AND ONCE-A-WEEK MODERATOR OF A POPULAR *TV* PROGRAM, STEVE WILSON LED A BUSY LIFE... BUT LITTLE DID HE GUESS THAT HIS TWO CAREERS WERE SUDDENLY GOING TO MERGE IN AN EXPLOSIVE MANNER... WHEN SOMETHING THAT OCCURRED BEFORE THE *TV* CAMERAS LED THE VETERAN NEWSMAN TO ONE OF THE BIGGEST NEWS SCOOPS OF HIS LIFE...

The Casebook of UNSOLVED MYSTERIES!

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AS THE HIT TV SHOW "THE CASEBOOK OF UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" GOES ON THE AIR..

..AND THIS IS STEVE WILSON, YOUR MODERATOR FOR THE "THE CASEBOOK OF UNSOLVED MYSTERIES"! TONIGHT WE ARE TAKING UP ANOTHER BAFFLING MYSTERY AND WILL ATTEMPT TO GIVE OUR SOLUTION OF IT! BUT FIRST..

STEVE WILSON-MODERATOR

...LET ME INTRODUCE OUR PANELISTS! THEY ARE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, JAY HARDING, LAWYER--PETER VRENN, DETECTIVE STORY WRITER-- WILLIAM COMBS, RET.RED POLICE CAPTAIN--AND ELTON WASHBURN, PSYCHOLOGIST!

WM COMBS POLICE

E. WASHBURN PSYCHOLOGIST

SMOOTHLY, THE VETERAN NEWSMAN PRESENTS THE CASE TO BE SOLVED..

YOU NOW KNOW ALL THE ESTABLISHED FACTS CONCERNING THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR ROBBERY OF THE FIRST BIG TOWN BANK! OUR EXPERTS WILL NOW HAVE TEN MINUTES TO CONFER WITH EACH OTHER!

DURING THE PANEL DISCUSSION, STEVE HOLDS THE AUDIENCE'S ATTENTION...

--AND TWICE IDEAS PRESENTED ON THIS TV SHOW HAVE LED POLICE TO THE ACTUAL SOLUTIONS OF CRIMES! WHO KNOWS? TONIGHT WE MAY SEE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE BRILLIANCE OF OUR PANEL IN ACTION...

BT-TV

AT THE END OF THE TIME LIMIT, PETER VRENN, THE WRITER, ACTS AS THE PANEL SPOKESMAN...

MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE CONSIDERED THE UNSOLVED CRIME COMMITTED DECEMBER 7TH LAST YEAR AT THE FIRST BIG TOWN BANK, AND WE HAVE COME UP WITH A POSSIBLE SOLUTION...

"ON THAT TUESDAY--ER--LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE BELIEVE THE BANK ROBBERS USED THE CITY SUBWAY SYSTEM! AT NIGHT THEY SECRETLY DUG A HOLE FROM THE SUBWAY TUNNEL TO THE FLOOR OF THE BANK VAULT..."

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AS THE AUTHOR CONTINUES WITH HIS "SOLUTION"...

--THEN THEY REPLACED THE BRICKS AND DISAPPEARED! TIME ALONE WILL TELL HOW CORRECT OUR SOLUTION IS!

AS THE PROGRAM DRAWS TO A CLOSE ...

--AND BE SURE TO TUNE IN NEXT WEEK WHEN OUR PANEL WILL GRAPPLE WITH ANOTHER BAFFLING REAL-LIFE MYSTERY!

LATER, AS STEVE AND HIS CITY EDITOR CHARLIE ANDERSON GET TOGETHER FOR A SNACK ...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, CHARLIE! THE "SOLUTION" TONIGHT WAS ABSURD--IMPOSSIBLE! WHY, THE SUBWAY DOESN'T EVEN RUN UNDER THE BANK--BUT *TWO BLOCKS AWAY!*

I GUESS THE PANEL HAD AN OFF-NIGHT, STEVE!

I'M ALSO DISAPPOINTED IN VRENN! HE'S ONLY BEEN ON OUR SHOW TWO MONTHS, BUT UP TO NOW HIS SOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN BRILLIANT!

WELL, EVERYBODY GOOFS ONCE IN AWHILE, STEVE ...

SHORTLY, AFTER CHARLIE HAS HEADED HOME ...

I GUESS CHARLIE IS RIGHT! YET--WHY IS IT MY MIND KEEPS GOING BACK TO THE PROGRAM TONIGHT? I KEEP GETTING A FEELING THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG! WAIT--*THERE WAS ONE ODD THING ...*

I REMEMBER VRENN SAYING "ON THAT TUESDAY--"! HOW DID HE KNOW THAT DECEMBER 7TH FELL ON A TUESDAY LAST YEAR? IT ISN'T SOMETHING THAT A PERSON WOULD KNOW OFFHAND!

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SEIZED BY A HUNCH, THE VETERAN NEWSMAN DECIDES TO FOLLOW IT...

I'M GOING TO MAKE **SURE** VRENN DID SAY "ON THAT TLESDAY"! THE STUDIO MAKES A KINESCOPIC COPY OF ALL **TV** BROADCASTS! I'LL ASK TO SEE OURS RUN OFF AND CHECK...

SOON, IN THE FILE DEPARTMENT OF THE **TV** STUDIO...

YOU WANT THE KINESCOPE OF THE PROGRAM TONIGHT, MR. WILSON? SURE WE HAVE IT... IT WAS MADE UP AND FILED AN HOUR AGO!

BUT MOMENTS LATER..

IT'S GONE! I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS! I PUT THE FILM HERE MYSELF...

PERHAPS -- SOMEONE ELSE REQUESTED IT!

NO, I'VE BEEN HERE ALL EVENING! THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE ANSWER! THAT KINESCOPE WAS **STOLEN!**

LATER, AFTER ADDITIONAL SEARCH HAS FAILED TO TURN UP THE MISSING FILM...

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT VRENN KNEW HE MADE A SLIP--AND STOLE THE KINESCOPE TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM USING IT TO CHECK ON HIM?

THE NEXT MORNING, STEVE'S TENACIOUS MIND IS STILL GRAPPLING WITH THE PROBLEM...

BUT WHY WOULD VRENN BE SO ANXIOUS TO CONCEAL HIS SLIP? CAN THERE BE A GOOD DEAL MORE BEHIND IT? I'VE GOT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PETER VRENN!

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AT THE OFFICES OF WARREN AND COMPANY, BOOK PUBLISHERS...

I MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MR. WARREN THIS MORNING, MISS! I'M STEVE WILSON!

OH, YES, MR WILSON! YOU CAN GO RIGHT IN! MR. WARREN IS EXPECTING YOU!

SHORTLY, IN THE PUBLISHER'S INNER SANCTUM...

PETER VRENN IS ONE OF OUR BEST-SELLING AUTHORS, STEVE! EVERY YEAR HE TURNS OUT FOUR DETECTIVE NOVELS!

EVERY YEAR, MR. WARREN?

--EXCEPT LAST YEAR--WHEN HE ONLY WROTE THREE--*THESE THREE!*

DID HE GIVE ANY REASON FOR FAILING TO KEEP TO HIS USUAL SCHEDULE?

PETER VRENN

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YES! I REMEMBER PETER SAID HE WAS WRITING A STORY INVOLVING A **PERFECT CRIME** BUT LATER HE SAID HE WAS DISSATISFIED WITH IT AND THAT HE HAD DESTROYED IT!

WHEN THE INTERVIEW HAS ENDED...

I'VE GOT THE MOST AMAZING HUNCH ABOUT PETER VRENN! AND MY THEORY FITS--ALL AROUND! BUT HOW CAN I PROVE IT--OR EVEN TEST IT? THERE ***MUST*** BE A WAY..

I'LL TAKE A RUN UP TO VRENN'S PLACE IN ***BIG TOWN HEIGHTS!*** MAYBE I CAN GET SOME INFO BY ASKING QUESTIONS AROUND THERE.

THERE GOES WILSON BUT NOT VERY FAR!

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SOON AFTER ON THE STEEP HILLS OF BIG TOWN HEIGHTS...

MY STEERING WHEEL! IT'S NOT WORKING-- I CAN'T TURN!

THE NEXT MOMENT...

CAROOM!

AS THE CAR TURNS OVER, STEVE IS THROWN OUT OF IT AND OVER THE PRECIPICE!

FALLING, THE ACE NEWSHAWK GRASPS AT CLIFF VINES IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO SLOW HIS DESCENT...

(GASP!) IF ONLY THESE VINES HOLD...

SECONDS LATER, HIS DESCENT ARRESTED, STEVE WORKS HIS WAY TOWARD A LARGER OUT-GROWTH...

I'VE GOT HOLD OF THIS TREE! NOW TO WORK MY WAY UP... SOMEHOW!

AT THE END OF A TORTUROUS HALF-HOUR, STRUGGLE...

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO STOP PLAYING POTSY! SOMEONE TRIED TO KILL ME--AND THE POLICE ARE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT IT-- TOGETHER WITH MY IDEAS AS TO WHO THE CULPRIT MAY BE!

BIG TOWN

AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, NOT LONG AFTERWARD...

ALL RIGHT, STEVE! FOLLOWING UP ON YOUR COMPLAINT, WE'LL GO AND SEE PETER VRENN -- AND JUST IN CASE HE ISN'T CO-OPERATIVE, WE'LL TAKE ALONG THIS ***SEARCH WARRANT*** SO THAT WE CAN LOOK OVER HIS APARTMENT!

GOOD IDEA, LIEUTENANT GREGGORY!

SOON AFTER, AT THE APARTMENT-HOTEL IN ***BIG TOWN HEIGHTS*** WHERE THE DETECTIVE STORY WRITER LIVES...

NO, S.R, MR. VRENN ISN'T IN! I'M MR. PHILIPS, THE HOTEL MANAGER ...

PLEASE COME ALONG WITH US, MR. PHILIPS! WE'LL WANT YOU AS A WITNESS WHILE WE SEARCH VRENN'S ROOMS!

IN THE APARTMENT OF THE NOVELIST, SHORTLY...

I STILL CAN'T BELEVE VRENN COULD HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY, STEVE!

OUR JOB IS TO FIND OUT--ONE WAY OR ANOTHER! EH? WHAT'S THIS?

"THE PERFECT CRIME"! SO VRENN DIDN'T DESTROY THIS MYSTERY NOVEL OF HIS--AS HE TOLD HIS PUBLISHER! LIEUTENANT GREGGORY, IF MY THEORY HOLDS TRUE, THIS MANUSCRIPT SHOULD ANSWER ALL OUR QUESTIONS!

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AS STEVE LEAFS THROUGH THE MANUSCRIPT...

HERE'S THE CHAPTER ON THE ACTUAL CRIME ITSELF, LIEJTENANT!

GO AHEAD, STEVE, READ IT!

"FIRST, MR. X MADE HIMSELF UP TO LOOK LIKE ONE OF THE BANK TELLERS..."

THERE... A LITTLE MORE BLACK ON THE EYEBROWS... THAT'S IT! NOW I'VE GOT TO WAIT TILL 2:30 P.M. TO CARRY OUT THE NEXT STAGE OF MY PLAN...

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"PRECISELY AT HALF PAST TWO, MR. X ENTERED THE BANK, JUST AS TELLER EDWIN CARY DESCENDED TO THE BANK BASEMENT..."

THERE GOES CARY NOW--THE MAN I AM IMPERSONATING--DOWN TO THE SAFE DEPOSIT ROOM AS USUAL! IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH OF US NEVER APPEAR HERE ON THE MAIN FLOOR AT THE SAME TIME!

"POSING AS CARY THE TELLER, MR. X WALKED INTO THE OPEN VAULT OF THE BANK IN THE REAR..."

SO FAR SO GOOD! NO ONE SUSPECTS I'M NOT THE TELLER! BUT THIS IS THE EASIEST PART--THE DIFFICULT PART--IS YET TO COME!

"MOMENTS LATER, CARY REAPPEARED ON THE MAIN FLOOR, FORCING MR. X TO REMAIN IN THE VAULT, BUT HE HAD FORESEEN THIS..."

THEY'VE LOCKED THE VAULT DOOR NOW--AND NO POWER ON EARTH CAN OPEN IT TILL TOMORROW MORNING! I WOULD SUFFOCATE IN HERE. EXCEPT THAT I CARRIED THIS CONCENTRATED *OXYGEN TANK* WITH ME!

"MR. X LOADED HIS POCKETS WITH $1000 BILLS! THE NEXT MORNING, AFTER THE VAULT WAS OPENED, HE WAITED FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT..."

I SENT CARY A PHONY LETTER TO REPORT FOR JURY DUTY THIS MORNING! BY THE TIME HE FINDS IT'S A FAKE, I'LL BE GONE AND FAR AWAY! ***NOW'S*** MY TIME TO GET OUT OF HERE...

"HE WALKED OUT OF THE BANK AND NO ONE GAVE HIM A SECOND GLANCE..."

WENT OFF LIKE CLOCKWORK! NO ONE WILL KNOW FOR HOURS ABOUT THE ROBBERY--HOW IT WAS COMMITTED OR WHO DID IT!

FIRST BIG TOWN BANK

STEVE, YOU THINK VRENN THOUGHT UP THIS CAPER—AND THEN DECIDED TO PULL IT OFF IN REAL LIFE?

EXACTLY, LIEUTENANT! BUT IN ORDER TO PROVE IT, I NEED CO-OPERATION!

NOT LONG AFTERWARD, WHEN PETER VRENN ENTERS HIS APARTMENT...

W-WILSON!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN MY APARTMENT?

SURPRISED TO SEE ME ALIVE, EH, VRENN?

HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO TAMPER WITH THE STEERING MECHANISM OF MY CAR SOMETIME BETWEEN LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING?

I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

GRIMLY, THE VETERAN NEWSMAN PILES UP HIS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE WRITER...

IT WAS YOU WHO STOLE THE KINESCOPE LAST NIGHT! WHAT'S MORE, I'LL TELL YOU WHY YOU JOINED OUR "CASEBOOK OF UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" PANEL TWO MONTHS AGO...

YOU LEARNED WE WERE GOING TO TAKE UP THE FIRST BIG TOWN BANK ROBBERY--AND YOU FEARED WE MIGHT FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH! SO YOU VOLUNTEERED TO APPEAR ON OUR PROGRAM--IN ORDER TO STEER THE ANSWER AWAY FROM THE ACTUAL FACTS!

SUDDENLY, VRENN REACHES INTO HIS POCKET AND...

YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ME, WILSON--YOU MIGHT HAVE KNOWN I HAVE A PERMIT TO CARRY AROUND A PISTOL--AND THE ABILITY TO USE IT! I'M GOING TO SAY YOU BROKE INTO MY APARTMENT--AND I SHOT YOU--THINKING YOU WERE A BURGLAR...

THE NEXT MOMENT...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE GUN--PLAY AROUND HERE, VRENN!

THAT'S SHARP SHOOTING, LIEUTENANT!

AS THE POLICE TAKE THE AUTHOR INTO CUSTODY...

YOUR PLAN WORKED, STEVE! SERGEANT WALKER AND I BOTH SAW HIM TRY TO SHOOT YOU! IF NOTHING ELSE, WE'VE GOT HIM ON ATTEMPTED MURDER!

I FIGURED HE WAS VAIN... AND I TAUNTED HIM, LIEUTENANT!

LATER, IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

STILL, YOU TOOK QUITE A RISK, STEVE! YOU BANKED ON HIS VANITY--WHAT MADE YOU SO SURE IT WOULD WORK?

SIMPLE, LIEUTENANT! LOOK AT IT THIS WAY--WHY DIDN'T HE DESTROY THE MANUSCRIPT WHICH BLUEPRINTED HIS OWN CRIME?

IT WAS BECAUSE HE WAS SO VAIN OF HIS WORK, HE COULDN'T BEAR TO DESTROY WHAT HE HAD CREATED--EVEN IF HE WERE TO BE THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULD EVER SEE IT!

YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE! NOW THE WHOLE WORLD WILL SEE IT WHEN IT'S PUT IN EVIDENCE AT HIS TRIAL!

SHORTLY, WHEN STEVE AND CITY EDITOR CHARLIE ANDERSON LOOK OVER THE LATEST EDITION OF THE *ILLUSTRATED PRESS*...

THIS ONLY PROVES WHAT I'VE ALWAYS SAID, STEVE! YOU MAY BE A FINE EDITOR--BUT YOU'RE A *GREAT* REPORTER!

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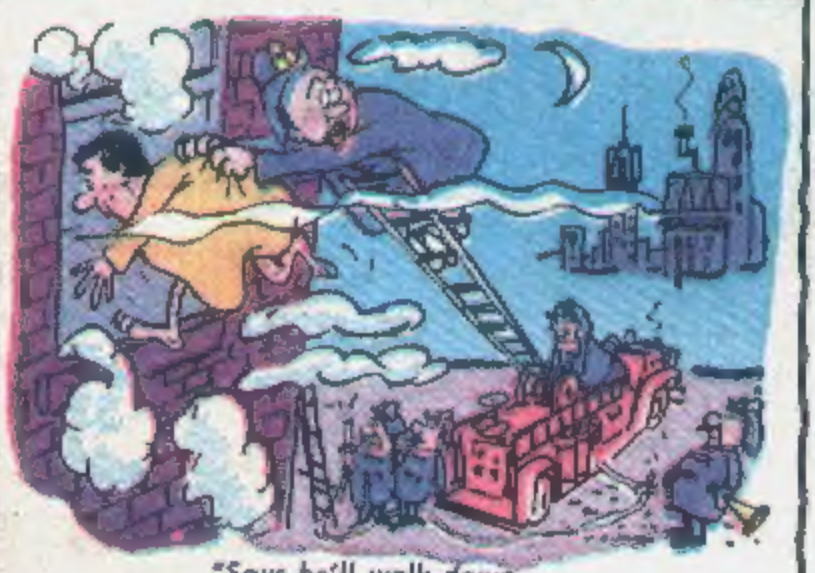

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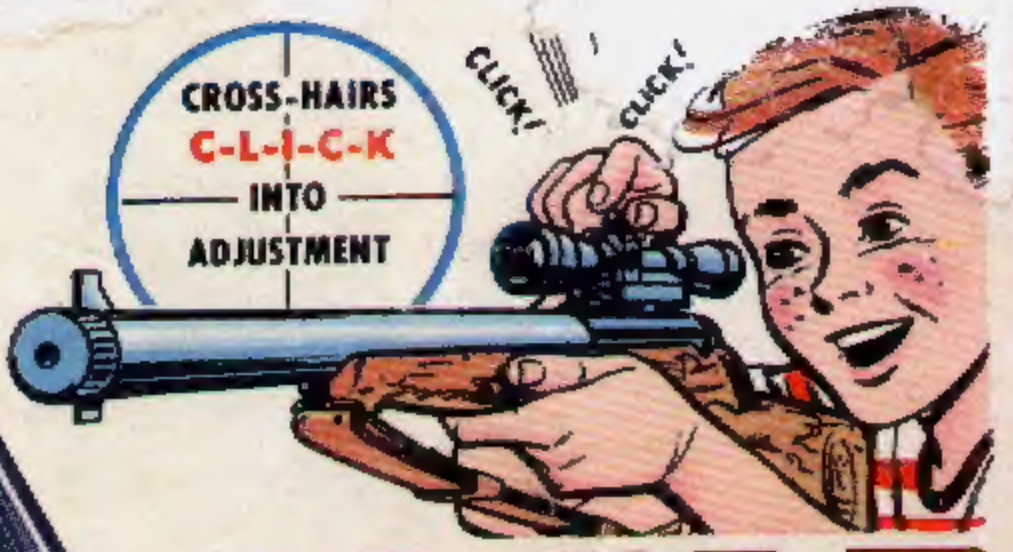

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